

Res. # <u>7903</u> or Ord. # _____

RESOLUTION
Regarding Public Access to Computerized Information

WHEREAS, the Durham City Council is desirous of providing the widest possible access to public records and information stored in computers and on magnetic media to a wide spectrum of the general public, regardless of the purpose or end use. Consistent with the principle of first providing resource support to those agencies and interests for whom electronic data is captured and maintained, and for who annual operating budgets have been appropriated; and consistent with the provisions of the public record laws of North Carolina as well as personal privacy issues;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM, that it is the intention of the City of Durham to:

* Facilitate public access to public records contained on, or processed by, computer to the maximum extent possible, within the limits of annual operating budgets.

* Make available magnetic copies of public information contained in City computers at cost of copy, not to include recovery of development or acquisition costs.

*Proliferate, share, coordinate and support computerized data files, resources and interests among and between the municipal, local and state government agencies and functions within the City of Durham.

* Provide special information research, consultation, and programming on a cost recovery basis, without impact to normal service delivery to authorized City functions.

*Assure equal access and use of computerized information to both special interests, capable of paying for the additional costs associated with "Customized" handling of informational requests, and the general citizenry of the City of Durham.

*Assure the confidentiality of client records, personnel records and other records mandated by state or federal law to be so protected.

*Charge the Director of the Department of Records Management with implementing and adhering to this policy when providing services and accessibility to records.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 19__.

APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

JAN 18 1994

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CITY CLERK